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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 12,13,25 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,9,10,14,15,22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3-8,11,16-21 and 24 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 09 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20040209.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 9, 14, 15, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Harman US 5,406,479 A. Harman shows all of the features of the instant invention including polar coordinate CT with more than 180° of projection data weighted for both projection location and pixel location so that the contribution of data 180° apart is reduced (abstract, column 1 line 66 through column 2 line 4, column 4, and column 8).

3. Claims 1, 2, 9, 14, 15, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Silver US 5,889,833 A. Silver shows all of the features of the instant invention including polar coordinate CT with more than 180° of projection data weighted for both projection location and pixel location so that the contribution of data 180° apart is reduced (columns 6 and 7).

4. Claims 10 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Waggener *et al.* US 5,128,864 A. Waggener *et al.* shows all of the features of the instant invention including Cartesian CT with more than 180° of projection data weighted according to projection location (abstract, column 14, and column 19).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 12, 13, 25 and 26 are allowed.

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6. Claims 3-8, 11-13, and 16-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: in the claims with all the limitations as claimed, independent claims 12 and 25 address selecting a range of projections in accordance with pixel locations, and claims 3-8, 11, 16-21, and 24 address mathematical specifics of the weights. These features are neither shown nor fairly suggested in the prior art.

Conclusion

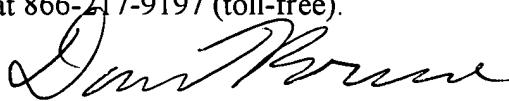
8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Waggener US 5,293,312 A and Waggener *et al.* US 5,307,264 A are similar to Waggener *et al.* US 5,128,864 A, and Taguchi *et al.* US 2004/0252806 A1 shows double-weighted half scan CT.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David V. Bruce whose telephone number is (571) 272-2487. The examiner can normally be reached on M - Th and alt Fri 8:00 - 4:30 subject to I-Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward J. Glick can be reached on (571) 272-2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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